



# City of Tucson - Quarterly Critical Project Status Report

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## Focus Area: Economic Development

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Strategies for the Year	<p>The Human Environment - Maintain and strengthen human connections within neighborhood leadership, encourage inclusive participation, foster safety, strengthen neighborhood leadership, and encourage a greater sense of community stewardship.</p> <p>The Built Environment - Invest public funding and encourage private investment and public/private partnerships in Tucson's neighborhoods and enhance their appearance and livability.</p> <p>The Natural Environment - Respect and preserve our natural environment.</p>
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Project Name	Description	Accomplishments Last Quarter	Goals for Next Quarter
Puerto Nuevo- Tucson	The development of Tucson as an Inland Port and International Economic Gateway. The creation of this multidimensional inland port will enhance Tucson's capability to manufacture, market and distribute its products throughout the world. The port will integrate services and facilities available in the areas of transportation, warehousing/logistics, manufacturing, research and international business services.	<p>Conducted visits and collected information on the Administrative/Organizational nature of project related Ports-Long Beach, San Antonio, Kansas City</p> <p>Made numerous presentations to promote the need for more international trade infrastructure needs-</p> <p>Developed Puerto Nuevo Brochure in Spanish</p> <p>Evaluated viability of road railer service between Tucson and Culiacan, Sinaloa</p> <p>Meeting with numerous times with Ferro Mex officials on Passenger Train service to Mexico</p>	<p>Complete Port Comparison Analysis</p> <p>Obtain funding for crucial Puerto Nuevo components including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* International Trade Processing Center site location study</li> <li>* Phase I of Tucson Trade Flow Analysis</li> </ul> <p>* Train Depot infrastructure analysis for Tucson Mexico passenger service</p> <p>Formalize working arrangements with other regional ports</p> <p>Meet with representatives of federal government (Exec and Legis) to promote an International Trade Processing Center in Tucson</p>
Support for Local Businesses	Continue programs and advocacy services directed at retaining and expanding local business, including small business. Through the supply chain development and BusinessLINC program, increase profit opportunities for southern Arizona businesses by linking local, national, and international firms/buyers with local suppliers.	<p>-Launched Supply Chain website (<a href="http://www.azscd.org">www.azscd.org</a>) with 1,200 businesses listed</p> <p>-Received \$250,000 federal funding for year two of the BusinessLINC program, one of only 7 funded nationally.</p> <p>-Received \$250,000 state funds to support the BusinessLINC program and to assist in the statewide rollout of the BusinessLINC model.</p> <p>-Identified \$104 million in procurement opportunities and secured \$2.3 million in contracts for 14 Southern Arizona companies.</p>	
Tucson Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Zone, Foreign Trade Zone No. 174	Use designated federal and state tax incentive programs, including the newly awarded Empowerment Zone, to assist companies to reduce the cost of doing business in targeted zones within the Tucson community.	<p>-Established Governance Board (Empowerment Zone)</p> <p>-Completed 5 Chamber of Commerce/OED Empowerment Zone training seminars -- 250 business participants</p> <p>-Received 9,000 website hits, responded to 700 information requests and conducted 150 business site visits (Empowerment Zone)</p> <p>-Secured \$679,000 in state income tax credits for Tucson companies. This represents 22% of the statewide total (Enterprise Zone)</p> <p>-Secured (OED/GTEC) the Universal Avionics expansion utilizing the Foreign Trade Zone and the Enterprise Zone programs</p>	